THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Saturday, 25th July 1953.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at thirty-seven minutes past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Admission into the Engineering Colleges.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri S. Vemiah who gave notice of the question is not in his place. The question and answer together will be printed in the proceedings."

* 1020-A *Q.*—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of students admitted this year into the Engineering Colleges;

(*b*) the number of Scheduled Castes out of them; and

(*c*) the number of Backward Class candidates?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) Three hundred and seventy-three students have been selected and allotted to the four Government Engineering Colleges in the State. Out of them 37 belong to the Scheduled Castes and 136 to the Backward Classes other than the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes."

Formation of the Kerala Linguistic State.

* 1020-B *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the State Government have sent any recommendations to the Central Government for the immediate formation of the Kerala Linguistic State?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Will the Government take early steps for the formation of Aikya Kerala in view of the long-cherished demands of the Malayalees? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is not possible for this Government to take sides and initiate a matter of such controversy."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Have the Government given any support to the new-fangled Southern State idea? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The Government have given no such support. I have already said that the Government are most unwilling to initiate or take active

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part in matters of controversy of that kind. Personally, I may have many views, but even personally, I have not expressed such an opinion."

SRI C. PULLA REDDI :—" Have this Government supported the view that the Travancore State must be merged in Madras State? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No, Sir."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—' Are the Government taking steps to get back the Tamil territory which is now within the Travancore-Cochin State? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is there a larger support from the Malayalees for the integration of their State with the Madras State so as to form the Southern State? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am not able to answer the question."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Is the view recently expressed by the Hon. Minister coming from Malabar that an integrated Southern State should be formed with a view to sabotage the formation of Aikya Kerala, also the view of this Government? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have already said that this Government have taken no steps and will not take any steps in such matters."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Next question."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, Members are very anxious to put one or two more supplementary questions. It is an important thing, because naturally after the formation of the Andhra State the question of a Kerala State will come up."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We have to cover many questions. So, the hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, certain statements have been made previously by certain Ministers and hence the necessity for Members to put questions."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" So far as individual Members either of the Government or of the Legislature are concerned, in the present context, this Government, or at any rate, I do not propose to put any restrictions on matters in which they are interested and which come up relevantly before them when they deal with their own parties and with their own organizations. In the light of these remarks, hon. Members should understand what the Hon. Sri Kuttikrishnan Nair said in the Political Conference held recently in Palghat."